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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

While it proved [illegible] to many persons, we suppose the most of persons [illegible] proceedings last night [illegible]. The [illegible] has been in [illegible] session for several days, and he is beginning to believe that the Senate is just in his way [illegible]. Nobody is proud of the sixth article [illegible] the Senate and the Lords for instance. [illegible] nothing to say, and he has [illegible] to say it, so wrap themselves in the [illegible] assembly of secrecy, put on an air of dignity, [illegible] wise look, [illegible] a pig with the dandy appendage curled up, "I smile at their [illegible]. Our fear [illegible] is that if Mallory expects anything from the return of "Hunkerdom," Davis Anybody will be disappointed. Secrecy has created expectations that will never be realized, and such an open action would never have created half. We believe that peace is not at hand, but we do not believe our "secret session" has hastened it one minute.

NEW POST ROUTE.—There is a new mail route established from Gibsonville, on the N. C. R. R. to Long's Mills, in Randolph county, N. C. This route passes through a thickly settled section of the country, which has much needed mail facilities. The distance from Gibsonville to Long's Mills is twenty miles, the length of the route.

The following Post Offices are on the route: Gibsonville, Ingles' Mills, Brick Church, Cobb's and Long's Mills. The mail is carried regularly twice a week over this route. The carrier leaves Long's Mills at 6 o'clock Mondays and Thursdays and arrives at Gibsonville at 10 o'clock Tuesdays and Fridays, and returns to Long's Mills at 11 o'clock the same days.

FEBRUARY AS BLUE BIRDS.—February has come upon us with a mild atmosphere and a spring-like sunshine; and blue birds, the "first fruits" of spring, are in our midst. January was decidedly a *blue* month, and we hail with delight the exchange of blue weather for blue birds. He who would steal would have deserves to be punished.

THE LIMIT OF THE LAW.—We learn that our Mayor on yesterday gave the limit of the law—twenty-nine—to a negro man for striking a white boy. The negro, whose name is John, belongs to Mr. Sylvester Smith, and the white boy struck is a son Mr. James Penny.

IN MARKET.—The editor of the Fayetteville *Telegraph* has been to market, and brought off the following budget of *spice* and *sauce*:

There was heavy skirmishing at our market house on yesterday. We saw men *perking* about as if they had not been well fed for a month.—Some paid $6 per lb for "green pork." Something green there besides the pork! One gentleman bought eggs at $5 per dozen, and seemed in perfect *aggravation* at his success. Another offered $10 for a bushel of *turnips*, which made the virtuous *turnip* his nose. His nose didn't bleed, though, for "you can't get blood out of a turnip." A fellow asked $7 for lard. "*Lard have mercy*," said the buyer. We tried to buy some grain; but the man being pretty well *corned*, only made sad faces at us. This *rye*led us up considerably, and he tried to appease our wrath at the rate of $35 per bushel. In company with two other gentlemen, we essayed to buy meat. The vender asked $6,50 for that—whereupon one of our companions exclaimed, in the language of Shakespeare, "When shall we three *meet* again? They asked us $6 for a duck, and, although very *ductile*, we couldn't be led into such a *fowl* swindle as that. We looked at a pair of woolen gloves at $10. After a close examination, we told the seller that they were not *fellows*. "But they are fellows," said he.—"Ah! yes," we replied, "they are *odd fellows*." A country wool hat was handed us: "One hundred dollars," said the rural gentleman. We expected to be *scolded*, but had concluded to ask him if he could give us a fit, when his announcement cut us off; for we saw that he could not only do that—but could "give us *fits*." Tallow sold at *taller* prices than ever. *Potatoes* $20 per bushel; and lead colored butter $5 a small—some of it, though, was so *strong* and *offensive* that people wouldn't go near it for fear of being *charged*.

The fact is, the whole market affair was one *grand charge*, before which the assembled buyers *fell back* in terror. Staunch old gentlemen were there, with bushel baskets, borne by sturdy waitingmen, and filled with Mr. Trenholm's best; while the gentlemen themselves tripped lightly along, on empty stomachs, with little quart pots in hand, wherein they were to deposit their purchases.

The excitement was very great. The police were there, looking "terrible as an army with banners;" but they could not command a *peace* —of beef. Prices were too high—"higher an a kite,"—and an old gentlemen, well versed in Latin, exclaimed, in the extremity of his despair:

"Oh! for a lodge in some sequestered spot
Where money is high and rations are not."

This old gentleman left in disgust. We have only to add, in conclusion, that prices is high, and it is useless to try to *higher* the market people; for as long as you do that they will *make no provision* for lower rates.

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"We understand that a gentleman who came down on the Cheraw R. R. yesterday from Hillsboro', that there are between two and three thousand rebel cavalry armed and equipped, in the neighborhood of Piedmont Springs, N. C. They are said to have been assembled to operate with Kirk, and is reported to be marching with about three days of cavalry and infantry, from East Tennessee, in this direction."

And this is but an instance of what we shall have all over the country if the war continues another year or two.

Mr. Editor of the Progress:

RALEIGH, JAN. 30, 1865.

I am not in the habit of writing communications for the public, but I must ask you to do me the favor to publish the following in reply to a long editorial in the *Conservative* of Jan. 28th, relating to myself and certain resolutions introduced by me in the House of Commons on the 25th inst.

Now I care very little for his strictures on me, especially in Randolph county, where he and I are both well known; for I suppose the editor must have learned from the result of the election, after his campaign last summer, that he can't gull and bamboozle the people of Randolph, for he visited every precinct of the county and harrangued the people about two hours every day; but the people gave their verdict against him, especially in his own precinct and neighborhood, and I believe there are very few districts in Randolph county that would elect him for constable. The editor sets out with a great circumlocution about a peak mule and his master. I suppose he refers to me as the mule, but whom he refers to as the master I can't tell.—Now it has always been my observation that a person afflicted with any evil passion thinks every body else afflicted with the same malady.

Now I am happy to inform the editor that I belong to no man; I am not the peak mule of any clique or party, neither will I be made a tool of even to prosecute a bomb-proof position. But I do own the honest voters of Randolph my masters, and if I find out that I misrepresent those that elected me I will resign my seat. So far as the peak mule is concerned, I am willing for those acquainted with us both to decide which it is most applicable to, myself or the editor.

Now if the editor is opposed to my resolutions, why don't he come out and oppose them and show that the military authorities have not imposed on the people of Randolph and other counties; or if he takes the ground that it is right to punish persons on mere suspicion, why don't he say so? But he says "Let the investigation by all means take place." "And in so saying he says that he is sure that he expresses the sentiments of Gov. Vance." Surely that is what any reasonable man ought to expect. The Governor can certainly have no objection if the people of any section of the State think they have been aggrieved to having the matter investigated.

But why the editor goes on in a whole column stigmatizing me and trying to impugn my motives, I leave for the candid public to judge.—He can't deny but what the military authorities have committed outrages against a portion of the citizens of Randolph, and if he is not willing that the people should know by whose authority those outrages were committed, why don't he come out and say so?

But the editor says "that if he understands my resolutions they are intended merely to arraign the conduct of Gov. Vance." An evil imagination can conjecture a great many things. I will simply say that a great many of the citizens of my county have been imposed upon by the military authorities, and I felt it my duty to try to have the matter investigated, so that they could see by what authority it was done, let it arraign Gov. Vance or any other person.

But the editor says there is other outrages committed in Randolph that I don't complain of. I freely admit there are other outrages committed which all good citizens greatly deplore. But those who committed the outrages are the ones to punish, and by abusing persons on mere suspicion, instead of suppressing the evil only makes it worse.

The editor says that he wants the investigation not to stop at the half-way house. No objections. The great mass of the people of Randolph are a law-loving and law-abiding people, willing to see the civil law enforced on any, high or low, who violate it, but always unwilling to see any person punished on mere suspicion, no difference how humble his position may be.

JOEL ASHWORTH.

CONFEDERATE TAX NOTICE.

I WILL ATTEND WITH THE ASSESSORS AT MY office in the city of Raleigh, from Monday the thirteenth to Saturday the eighteenth of February, 1865, to receive the following taxes due the 1st day of January, 1865, to the Confederate Government, viz:

1st. The taxes on incomes, salaries and profits.

2nd. The additional tax of ten per cent. on profits made by buying and selling from the 1st day of January, 1864, to the 1st day of January, 1865.

3rd. The tax of twenty-five per cent. on profits exceeding twenty-five per cent., made from the 1st of January, 1864, to the 1st of January, 1865, by any bank or banking company, insurance, canal, navigation, importing and exporting, telegraph, express, railroad, manufacturing or other joint stock company of any description, whether incorporated or not.

4th. The tax on quarterly sales for the quarter ending the 31st December, 1864.

5th. The tax on licences for the year 1865, due from persons engaged in the following named trades, business or occupation, viz: bankers, auctioneers, wholesale and retail dealers, pawnbrokers, distillers, brewers, hotels, inns, taverns, and eating houses, brokers, commercial brokers or commission merchants, tobacconists, theatres, bowling alleys, livery stable keepers, cattle brokers, butchers, bakers, peddlers, apothecaries, photographers, lawyers, physicians, dentists, surgeons and confectioners.

All persons in arrears are very respectfully requested to make payment.

RUFUS H. PAGE,
Jan 30-3t Collector for Wake County.

NEGRO AUCTION AND Commission House.

On each SALE DAY (TUESDAY and FRIDAY) at the above house, I shall sell the Furniture, Stock in Trade, &c., formerly occupied as a Negro Trading House, on Fayetteville street, in the City of Raleigh, the same now established as an

Auction and Commission House

For the Sale of SLAVES.

We have provided ample and comfortable quarters, and will be as moderate in our charges for board, &c., as the times will permit.

With an experience of twenty years in the trade, and the advantages of an extensive acquaintance, we flatter ourselves that we understand the business, and, with the assurance of faithful sales and prompt returns, respectfully solicit public patronage.

Dec 15-dtf WM. E. ASKEW & CO.

To Carpenters or others Wishing to BUILD.

A Rare Chance!

THE ADVERTISER OFFERS FOR SALE THE frame work, all mortised and ready to get together, of a

LARGE HOUSE

40 x 36 feet, cottage style, 9 rooms with basement; Together with

16 pair Blinds—primed;
37 Door Shutters and frames;
14 Large window frames, with rolers;
7 Window frames—architrave rolers;
15 Sash Sash—Glazed—Glass, 10 x 14;
6 Frontispieces for fire places.

This work was done and the material prepared for a large, fine building, and nothing but flooring, weather boarding, shingles and lathes and time are wanting to finish all the rest being on the premises.

The property may be seen, with a drawing of the building, and terms ascertained by calling on or addressing

Jan 12-tf EDITOR PROGRESS.

Bank Stock For Sale.

A FEW SHARES STOCK IN THE BANK OF COMmerce, of Newbern, for sale. Apply to

Jan 6-tf EDITOR PROGRESS.

GRINDSTONES! GRINDSTONES!

WE KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND FOR SALE a good assortment of superior DEEP RIVED GRINDSTONES, weighing from 50 to 600 pounds.

SHAY, WILLIAMSON & CO.,
Jan 27-6t* North State Iron and Brass Works.
**Confederate and Conservative copy 6 times.

PATTERN MAKERS WANTED.

WE WISH TO EMPLOY ONE OR TWO FIRST class pattern makers. Apply at once to

SHAY, WILLIAMSON & CO.,
Jan 27-6t* North State Iron and Brass Works.
**Confederate and Conservative copy 6 times.

IRON! IRON!! IRON!!!

WE KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND ALL KINDS Plantation and Farmer's Iron, Shovel Iron, Nail Rods, Band Iron, Heavy Sheet Iron for making Hoops, Spades, &c.

SHAY, WILLIAMSON & Co.,
Jan 27-6t* North State Iron and Brass Works.
**Confederate and Conservative copy 6 times.

CAST STEEL AXES.

WE HAVE FOR SALE SIX OR EIGHT DOZEN (5 and 6 pounds) best steel axes.

SHAY, WILLIAMSON & CO.,
Jan 27-6t* North State Iron and Brass Works.
**Confederate and Conservative copy 6 times.

HORSE COLLARS! HORSE COLLARS!

Post Quartermaster's Office,
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17, 1865.

I WILL RECEIVE PROPOSALS UNTIL THE 22D day of February next, for the manufacture of ten thousand Horse and Mule Collars, similar to samples to be seen at my office.

Bidders must state the number which they can deliver per month.

W. E. PIERCE,
Jan 18-12t Capt. & A. Q. M.

Post Quartermaster's Office, C. S. A.,
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16, 1865.

TO THE FARMERS OF WAKE, ORANGE AND CHATHAM COUNTIES:

I respectfully appeal to the Farmers of Wake, Orange and Chatham Counties to bring in their surplus Corn immediately, for the support of our army. I have obtained permission to pay Local Appraiser's rates for all grain delivered previous to 1st of February 1865. I earnestly hope that patriotic producers will deliver their grain immediately, and relieve me of the unpleasantness, and themselves the mortification, of resorting to rigid impressment, which I will be compelled to do on and after the 1st of February.

The following are the names of my authorized agents: Raleigh, J. J. Hinsdale; Forestville, J. W. Fort; Morrisville, A. J. Morris; and Durham's, W. P. Ward.—Hillsboro' to be filled and Pittsboro' to be filled.

W. E. PIERCE,
Jan 19-12t Capt. & A. Q. M.

$2,000 REWARD.

LOST OR TAKEN BY MISTAKE, A BOX MARKED "Maj. S. V. Reid, Wilmington." Any information in regard to it, which will enable us to recover it, or any one leaving it at the Express office will receive the above reward, and no questions asked.

A. P. C. BRYAN,
Jan. 18-6tf Agent So. Express Company

Card Notice.

THERE IS NOW ANOTHER LOT OF COTTON AND Wool Cards (ready for use) for distribution to Soldiers' families, at $10 per pair. Agents will please call for them.

Dec 30-d&w5t H. A. DOWD, A. Q. M. N. C.

Office North Carolina Railroad Co.,
Company's Shops, N. C., Jan 27, 1865.

DIVIDEND NO. 8, OF TWENTY FIVE PER CENT. will be paid to the Stockholders on and after the 1st of February 1865, in Confederate Treasury notes, or in the six per cent. non taxable bonds at Government rate ($135) at the option of the Company.

F. A. STAGG,
Jan 3 d1w Secretary and Auditor.

TWO ROOMS FOR RENT.

TWO LARGE AND COMFORTABLE ROOMS, OVER my Store, two doors below the Express office, for rent.

J. H. KIRKHAM.
Jan 30-3t*

W. R. RICHARDSON & CO.,

BROKERS AND STOCK AUCTIONEERS,

RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT CONSIGNMENTS.

Oct 20 RALEIGH, N. C.

How to Send us Money.—Never send by mail when you can send by Express. All money sent by Express at our expense. Those sending us money by mail must do so at their own risk.

Any of our friends receiving important news from the army by private letter or telegrams, will confer a great favor on us by sending or leaving them a slip at the office for our use.

Thirty cents for Rags.—Thirty cents a pound will be paid for all clean Cotton an Linen rags delivered at the Progress office.

ADVERTISING.

The following rates will be charged for advertising [illegible]

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